Parur, has been brought to the notice of the Director of Public Instruction as one which is suitable for the use of teachers ;

(iv) if so, will they be pleased to arrange to get it and circulate a copy to all schools in the State ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—

(i) Yes.

(ii) The following magazines are subscribed for:—

1. *The Kairali*—for 33 Secondary and 53 Primary schools.
2. *The Stri Dharma*—for all Girls' High Schools except the Girls' High School, Kunnamkulam.
3. *The South India Boy Scout*—for all Boys' High Schools.
4. *The Maharaja's College Magazine*—for all English and Lower Secondary Schools and 8 High Schools.
5. *The Sahridaya*—for 7 High Schools.
6. *The Educational Review*—for the Training School and 16 High Schools.
7. *The Indian Education*—for the Training School.
8. *The Jaiminiyaswamedham*—for the Training School.
9. *The Sadguru*—for all High Schools and the Training School.
10. *The Lekshmi Bhai*—for 7 Secondary Girls' Schools, 32 Primary Schools and the Training School.
11. *The Gosri Scout*—or 3 High Schools.
12. *St. Thomas' College Magazine*—for the Girls' High School, Irinjalakkuda.
13. *The Our Little Friend*—for the Girls' High School, Irinjalakkuda.

(iii) and (iv) The Manager of the journal had requested Government to subscribe. The Government did not think it necessary to subscribe.

An article in the 'Suprabhatam' about the Velur School.

255. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(a) Was the attention of the Government drawn to the article under the heading, "അതിരില്ലായ്മ" in *the Suprabhatham* newspaper in its issue, dated 16th Dhanu 1101? If not, will the Government be pleased to peruse the same ?

(b) Why was the teacher referred to in that article dismissed by the Manager of the Velur L. School? What is his name and qualification ?

(c) What were the orders of the Director of Public Instruction when appeals were preferred to him by the teacher concerned ? Is it true that these orders are not given effect to? If so, why?

(d) What were the reports of the Inspector of Schools in this matter ?

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(e) Will the Government be pleased to call for a report from the said Inspector with regard to the truth of the allegation in that article "അദ്ദേഹത്തെ സ്വാധീനിക്കുവാൻ സാമദാനഭേദങ്ങളും പ്രയോഗിച്ചുനോക്കി" and place the report on the table of the House?

(f) Will the Government be pleased to call for a report from the Director of Public Instruction with regard to the allegation in the last para of the article and place it on the table?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) The Government have perused the article in question.

(b) The name of the teacher is P. P. Raman Nambiyar. He has passed Form IV and is fully trained. The following reasons were adduced by the Manager for dismissing him:—

(1) That the teacher had contracted some contagious disease.

(2) That his work in the school was not satisfactory.

(3) That his conduct and character were bad.

(c) The Manager was ordered to reinstate the teacher, as the charges against him were not substantiated. This order was not given effect to for a time. The teacher has been reappointed on the re-opening of the school after the summer vacation.

(d) The Inspector of Schools, Northern Division, reported that the charges (2) and (3) under (b) above were not substantiated. As for the first charge, he suggested that the teacher might be sent to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer for medical examination.

(e) and (f). The Government have called for and perused the reports of the Inspector of Schools and the Director of Public Instruction on the subject, and have passed final orders in the matter. They do not consider that any public interest will be served by now publishing these reports, which are of a confidential nature.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—When was this teacher dismissed?

Mr. C. Matthai.—He was dismissed an year ago, I think.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—How many orders were issued by the Director of Public Instruction for reinstating this teacher?

Mr. C. Matthai.—I cannot exactly say how many orders were issued.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Did the Manager carry out the Government orders?

Mr. C. Matthai.—This order was not given effect to for a time.

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Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—How long?

Mr. C. Matthai.—For several months.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—How many months?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Say, about 5 or 6 months.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know when final orders were passed?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The teacher has been since reinstated according to the orders of the department, and the Manager has forfeited all the grant during that period, and now the grant has been restored.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—With regard to the allegations against the conduct of the Manager towards the Inspector, were any orders passed?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes, orders were passed.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know the nature of the order?

Mr. C. Matthai.—That cannot be disclosed. Soon after the occurrence, the Manager left our territory.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—There are very serious allegations in that article. I do not think it is fair that the Government should sit idle under such circumstances.

Have the Government taken any action upon the conduct of the Manager?

President.—Was any enquiry made into those allegations?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Full enquiries were made, and the Government do not accept the versions in the newspapers. What was considered necessary by the Government was done.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what it was? Here the Inspector was about to be assaulted, and he had to fly for his life. It is now answered that the report has been called for and perused. May I know what was the report of the Inspector with regard to this part of the allegations in that article. It serves a public interest. Against a public servant a Manager wants to use criminal force. Is the Government to sit idle and say "no public interest will be served?"

Mr. C. Matthai.—Sir, the Member proceeds upon the assumption that the newspaper version is correct. That is not the correct version.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—It is for that I asked the question. What was the nature of the report of the Inspector? You did not answer that.

Mr. C. Matthai.—The order cannot be placed before this House.

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Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I ask you, did not the Inspector ask for sanction to take criminal action against the Manager?

Mr. C. Matthai.—I doubt it.

President.—In such a matter, say you want notice.

Mr. C. Matthai.—I want notice.

English as an optional subject in Malayalam Schools.

256. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to order the Director of Public Instruction to make English an optional subject in all Malayalam Schools in the State, in view of the fact that an elementary knowledge in English has become of great use to all classes of people in the State?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The Code Revision Committee recommended the introduction of English as an optional subject in all Malayalam Schools, but the Government, for reasons set out in their order passed on the report of the said Committee, did not accept the said recommendation. No occasion subsequently arose for a reconsideration of the matter, and there was in fact no reconsideration. As matters stand at present, the Government are unable to issue the order referred to.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know whether the Government have any objection to give sanction to any particular school, if they request for the introduction of English as an optional subject?

President.—The question has to be considered in all its aspects.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Only after consideration, the reply can be given?

President.—Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—During the last budget session the Director of Public Instruction said that there would be no objection.

President.—Did you say so?

Mr. C. Matthai.—No, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What was the difficulty in introducing English as an optional subject in the Malayalam Schools?

President.—You speak from memory and not after reference.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I do remember the matter. It was I who raised that point.

President.—Did you refresh your memory by now looking into the printed Proceedings?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—No, Sir.

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